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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Attention: Shaun Maher

Re: MB Docket No. 03-15
Request for Waiver of Interference Protection Deadline
KNLJ-DT – Jefferson City, MO

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Station KNLJ-DT, is owned and operated by New Life Evangelistic Center, Inc. (NLEC), a church organized under Missouri law and tax-exempt under the Internal Revenue Code. The station has been operating a digital facility under the STA provisions of the *First DTV Periodic Review MO&O*. NLEC also holds a maximization construction permit for KNLJ-DT, as to which construction is nearly complete.

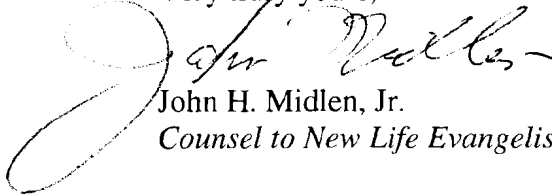
As detailed more fully in a separate Application for Extension of Time to Construct a Digital Television Station (FCC Form 337), filed June 30, 2006, File No. 20060630AGW, NLEC has met with circumstances beyond its control. These are set out in the attached letter filed with the Commission on May 30, 2006—before the Public Notice of June 14, 2006 detailing the various filing procedures in DTV Channel Election Issues was released. Even with these complications, NLEC has been able to nearly complete the maximization process. The KNLJ-DT engineering staff, along with equipment vendors and contract service personnel, is should be ready to make equipment tests on the *newly built* maximized facility during September 2006.

During the time KNLC-DT has been providing digital service to its community with its STA facility, the entire area authorized for service under the maximized facility has been protected from interference in accordance with the *First DTV Periodic Review MO&O*. However, as of July 1, 2006, the *Second DTV Periodic Report and Order* has directed that protection to any areas not yet receiving digital service will end unless a station requests and receives a waiver of this deadline.

NLEC has sought to make wise use of its limited resources and has made large investments to complete this opportunity for expanded service. However, it does not have complete control of vendor and contract schedules and many of these suppliers are dealing with multiple stations in similar circumstances to KNLJ. Therefore, NLEC requests an extension of the interference protection deadline for six months while work is completed on the maximized facility.

NLEC certifies that neither it nor any other party to this request is subject to a denial of Federal benefits pursuant to Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988, 21 U.S.C. § 862, because of a conviction for possession or distribution of a controlled substance. See Section 1.2002(b) of the rules, 47 CFR § 1.2002(b), for the definition of 'party to the request' as used in this certification.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John H. Midlen, Jr.", is written over the typed name.

John H. Midlen, Jr.

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cc: Shaun Maher

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**Re: Station KNLJ-DT, Channel 20, Jefferson City, MO, Facility No. 48521
REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF DTV BUILD-OUT DEADLINE**

New Life Evangelistic Center, Inc. (NLEC), permittee of Station KNLJ-DT, Jefferson City, MO, is currently working diligently to complete the maximum power build-out of KNLJ-DT and requests a 90 day waiver of the July 1, 2006 digital television build-out deadline. NLEC was able to meet the 1st FCC deadline by launching KNLJ-DT, Channel 20, as a low power digital facility operating with a 1 kW transmitter, 1 & 1/8" coax, and a 16 bay, E slot antenna. This system will be kept by KNLJ in order to provide for emergency backup, once the maximum power system is placed in operation.

KNLJ-DT is owned and operated by NLEC, a not-for-profit ministry to the poor, homeless, unemployed and other disenfranchised persons, and has constructed, owned and operated full service KNLJ-TV (Channel 25, analog) since 1986.

KNLJ requests waiver of the deadline for completing construction of maximum power, KNLJ-DT for the following reasons:

- a) NLEC has worked hard to operate and maintain KNLJ-TV, Channel 25 and KNLJ-DT, Channel 20 and barely covers their operating costs; therefore it was in no position to generate the funds to accomplish the maximum digital power build-out. Even the low power build out was a real financial challenge, but was paid off. One positive aspect of that build out is that NLEC is able to use the upconverter, encoder and other important equipment in the current system in the new build out, which will help avoid a number of additional and major expenses.
- b) To fund this major build-out project, NLEC realized it would be necessary to sell some of its radio station assets. Two were placed on the market last summer, buyers were located last fall and winter, negotiations finalized in January 2006, assignment of licenses applications were granted in March; one assignment closed in April and the second is paid in full save \$50,000 pending closing.
- c) Had NLEC not possessed broadcast assets that it could liquidate in order to fund the DTV build-out, it would have been necessary that it walk away from the maximum

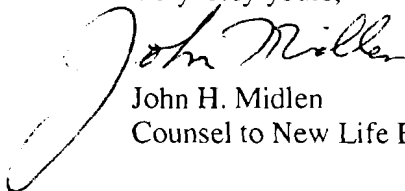
power build-out. It would have had no other choice as it does not own any other significant saleable assets that could have funded such a project.

d) With the FCC grants of assignment facilitating the needed funds, NLEC was, then, able to pay substantial amounts on equipment that had been ordered in March. That equipment has been delivered and is being installed to move the project forward to completion. Tower reinforcement materials designed by ERI, Inc. have arrived and are being installed on the KNLJ tower, and the 6 & 1/8" rigid transmission line is being installed by Precision Communications, Inc. The new 25 kW Electrosys/Itelco transmitter and MCI RF system will arrive by mid-June and be installed, tested and proofed, utilizing a dummy load before the end of June. All aspects of the project are now coming into place other than the completion of the ATC60 A (20)—the 20 bay antenna being constructed by Antenna Concepts. Completion is projected for mid August, thus the need for additional time to complete the build-out. To expedite a smooth and efficient installation of the antenna, when it arrives, the rigging of the transmission line will be "capped off" at the Center of Radiation level on the tower in preparation for attaching the antenna.

Accordingly, a waiver of the build-out deadline to and including September 29, 2006 is requested. Attached is a copy of some e-mail correspondence between the Commission Staff and the undersigned on this subject.

Should any questions arise in connection with this matter, please communicate directly with this office.

Very truly yours,



John H. Midlen
Counsel to New Life Evangelistic Center, Inc.

Attachment

cc: Barbara Kreisman (barbara.kreisman@fcc.gov)
Suzon Cameron (suzon.cameron@fcc.gov)
Rebecca Fisher (rebecca.fisher@fcc.gov)

Subject:FW: Buildout deadline

Date:Wed, 1 Mar 2006 17:05:21 -0500

From:Rebecca Fisher <Rebecca.Fisher@fcc.gov>

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CC:Suzon Cameron <Suzon.Cameron@fcc.gov>

Mr. Midlen - The answer is yes. . . For any full power TV stations that were not subject to the 7/1/05 use or lose deadline, the 7/1/06 deadline applies. Of course, stations can request waivers, but generally that is the deadline.

Let me know if you have any further questions. Thanks - Rebecca Fisher

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-----Original Message-----

From: midlen@starpower.net [<mailto:midlen@starpower.net>]

Sent: Wednesday, March 01, 2006 11:16 AM

To: Suzon Cameron

Subject: Buildout deadline

Ms. Cameron: Is July 1, 2006 still the build it or lose it date for commercial and noncommercial television stations? John Midlen, Midlen Law Center, Chevy Chase, MD